

MAIN STREET PROGRAM

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE

The mission of the Missouri Main Street Program is to assist communities with a population of less than 50,000 to economically and physically revitalize their downtown. Missouri Main Street Program offers technical assistance to self-initiated communities adhering to guidelines of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

AUTHORIZATION

Sections 251.470-251.485, RSMo.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

The Missouri Main Street Program provides technical assistance and training to city governments, business organizations, merchants and property owners in order to implement the National Main Street Center's Four-Point Approach ? to downtown revitalization based on economic restructuring, design, organization and promotion.

Downtown revitalization is encouraged through economic development within the context of historic preservation. The main purpose of a local main street program is to ensure the long-term success of the downtown by creating, educating, training and empowering a comprehensive volunteer-based professional downtown revitalization association. The program works to ensure that the downtown districts of Missouri's small cities remain essential elements to their sense of community, their cultural heritage and to the state's economy.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

The program sponsors the Excellence in Downtown Revitalization Awards in order to celebrate and recognize outstanding downtown revitalization activities in communities

throughout the state. Winners are announced at the annual Main Street conference.

Cities or towns with population of fifty thousand or less may be eligible to apply. The applicant is a partner with a broad-based community organization to administer, direct and oversee specific projects and activities. Such organizations may be:

- ?? Nonprofit corporations under the provisions of Chapter 355, RSMo; or
- ?? Organizations holding a 501(c)3 ruling from the IRS

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications from eligible communities may be submitted to the Department of Economic Development upon notification of fund availability. The number of applications, approved from new communities is dependent upon funding allocation and staff constraints. New communities have been designated in 1989, 1990, 1996 and 2000.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Group offers over 10 different tax credit and grant programs to specifically meet the needs of not for profit organizations, community groups, and local government in areas such as infrastructure improvement, housing, violence prevention, and community facilities. For more information please call (573) 751-5981 or access the information at www.ecodev.state.mo.us/ded/cd.